A new leap: "Quantum Leap" executive producer **Don Bellisario** is laying plans to "leap" his time-traveling Sam Beckett character (**Scott Bakula**) into Elvis Presley next season — and he's also talking about having Sam time/body travel into a member of Marilyn Monroe's entourage during the actress's final days. It's all happening, he said, because of the two-hour season opener — in which Sam leaps into President Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald. "It's opening the door to a new kind of story for us, where we can involve well-known people. I've figured out a way to get around the problems of changing history. Now that I see it's working, I think we can do all kinds of these stories."

Bellisario, who has been vocal about his distaste for **Oliver Stone**'s "JFK," created the special "Quantum" episode in response to the controversial film. "I thought, 'If Oliver Stone can do his fantasy, I can do mine,' " said the producer, who lived in Dallas and worked closely with Democratic Party figures in the years following the assassination. "And I read everything that came out about it." He said he also met — and had a heated argument with — Oswald during their Marine Corps days. Oswald's pro-Soviet harangue always will stay in his mind, he said, along with "his smirk and know-it-all attitude."

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